

Description			
Date	11/15/2007	Location	Board of Health
Time	Speaker	Note	
6:58:06 AM		Members Present: Tim Ford, Robin Cory; Bill Murdock, Buck Taylor, Dennis Alexander; Brian Leland, Barbara Vaughn Absent Members: Jeff Krauss Grants: Larry Watson Staff: Steph Nelson, Tim Roark, Toni Lucker Public: John Wirth	
7:04:50 AM		Meeting called to order and disclaimer for audio broadcasting	
7:05:33 AM		Public Comment	
7:05:52 AM	Consent Agenda		
7:06:00 AM	Motion	Buck made a motion to accept the consent agenda	
7:06:13 AM	Second	Brian seconded the motion.	
7:06:17 AM	Vote	The motion passed unanimously. <u>Roll Call:</u> Tim Ford - yes Robin Cory - yes Bill Murdock - yes Buck Taylor - yes Dennis Alexander - yes Brian Leland - yes Barbara Vaughn - yes	
7:06:27 AM	Regular Agenda	Remodel Update/Presentation by Grant Admin & Fiscal	
7:06:32 AM		Stephanie introduced Larry Watson, Grants Administrator & Project Manager and John Worth, of ThinkOne Architecture to give a remodel update presentation. The Health Department is scheduled to move into the Courthouse Annex building after July 2008.	
7:08:00 AM	Larry Watson, Grants & Project Admin of Gallatin County	Larry reported that the project would be ready to go out for bid on November 25th and the process would close on December 17th. An award would be made to the most responsive on December 19th with construction to begin the first or second week of January 2008. The project completion date is by mid-June 2008.	
7:09:15 AM	John Wirth, ThinkOne Architecture	John gave a brief overview of the floor plan and budget.	
7:15:44 AM		Board questions and discussions followed.	

7:22:59 AM		Larry commented that a number of assessments were completed on the Annex building before the county purchased it. The only discrepancy between the reports and what was found prior to the renovation project design is that the air handling system is not adequate.
7:30:14 AM		Changes to MCA Title 50 Public Health Law - Presentation by Deputy County Attorney
7:31:06 AM	Kate Dinwiddie	Kate provided an overview of the changes made to Title 50 at the last legislative session. These changes included:
7:34:00 AM		A standard approach for addressing new infectious diseases, privacy & anti-discrimination, revision of the powers & duties of the Department of Public Health & Human Services, local boards of health and local health officers. The new Title 50 encourages greater collaboration among & between entities in the public health system.
7:38:06 AM		The Gallatin City-County Board of Health was created by mutual agreement between the City and the County. The agreement provides provisions on who can be appointed. Bill noted that the County Commission would like the Board to consider including other cities such as Belgrade, Manhattan, Three Forks and West Yellowstone. He sees the Board of Health as a County Board of Health with the cities participating. He proposed that the Board investigate how to create a true City-County Board of Health.
7:39:55 AM		Kate advised that since the Board was created by a mutual agreement, both parties - the City of Bozeman and Gallatin County - would have to agree to reopen the contract agreement and engage in discussions with those cities to determine their level of interest.
7:45:21 AM		Tim R. asked Kate about abatement of public health nuisances - if this Board found an activity or a system to be a nuisance, could they act upon that? Kate advised yes as this statute is giving the Board mandates. She added there is abundant case law on what a public health nuisance is, and since the statute does not have a definition of what a public nuisance is, the Board could come up with a definition they feel comfortable with. Kate noted the Board's proactive activities even without a state mandate.
8:08:38 AM		The Board was interested in knowing if this statute allowed the Board authority to pursue actions related to someone who does not clean up their filth or junk vehicles that is determined to be a public health nuisance because of a complaint from a neighbor. Kate advised that the Board of Health and the Health Officer have specific authority to issue orders so an attorney would not be needed to file a case in District Court. Court action is the final step. Discussion continued.
8:10:50 AM		Kate added that the Board also deals with constitutional issues, right to privacy, right to liberty - do you restrict the rights of an individual to protect the rights of the whole?
8:14:53 AM		The Board asked if the statute gives the Board increased leverage with state agencies like DEQ? Kate advised that if the Board has determined a

		need to prevent or abate a situation, the statute gives the Board of Health authority to consider possible remedies, such as drafting a letter requesting something be done. However, Kate is not sure how much more could be done.
8:16:46 AM		<u>Board Composition Discussion</u> The Board discussed the current needs of expertise. There was a desire to discuss in more depth the Board composition and how to assure 1) more input from other municipalities and 2) needed expertise. This will be discussed at a future meeting.
8:43:55 AM		Stephanie noted that on November 27 the commission would make a decision.
8:47:32 AM		Health Officer Updates
8:47:36 AM		<i>Public Health Prevention Campaigns</i> <u>MRSA</u> : Stephanie gave a brief overview of drug-resistant staph infection and the prevention campaign. Stephanie is collecting local data related to prevalence.
8:56:33 AM		<u>Flu Season</u> : To date there has been no confirmed cases of flu in the state or surrounding states. The Department will be evaluating how we administer flu immunizations next year and whether it is cost effective to do large immunization clinics at the senior centers.
8:59:54 AM		<u>Subcommittee Reports</u> : The air and public water supply subcommittees have not met this month. A letter to Bob Jeffries of DEQ, requesting a real-time monitor was sent. We are requesting quarterly results be presented as a graph.
9:01:36 AM		<u>Additional Information</u> Stephanie commented that the budgets, provided to the Board, require double entry by admin staff into QuickBooks and the county system. The County Auditor and Accountant assured Stephanie that they could provide the Board with a similar report but not until January 1. Stephanie suggested that the Board Chair, Barb, review the budgets in November and December and as soon as a report is completed, the previous months would also be included. Stephanie asked for a motion on this issue.
9:04:51 AM	Motion	Brian made a motion to utilize the county's accounting method to satisfy the Board's need for budgetary oversight and that the Chair, in an interim measure, oversee the budgets until such time as the county can put together a format that will serve the Board.
9:05:14 AM	Second	Tim Ford seconded the motion.
9:05:28 AM		Buck asked Brian if he was willing to amend his motion to make it a quarterly report?
9:05:47 AM	Amended motion	Brian amended the motion to include a quarterly budget report.
9:05:54 AM	Second	Tim Ford seconded the motion.

9:06:18 AM	Vote	<p>The motion passed unanimously.</p> <p><u>Roll Call:</u> Tim Ford - yes Robin Cory - yes Bill Murdock - yes Buck Taylor - yes Dennis Alexander - yes Brian Leland - yes Barbara Vaughn - yes</p>
9:06:39 AM		<p>Stephanie brought up Board member attendance. Patterns with attendance are emerging and she encouraged the Board members to communicate with Barbara or Stephanie if they cannot attend a meeting. Having a quorum is essential for the Board. The bylaws state that two absences would initiate discussion by the appointing body. Barbara noted that Steve Kirchhoff communicated with her that his teaching schedule made it difficult for him to attend so Jeff Krauss, from the city commission, will take his place.</p>
9:08:52 AM		<p>Brian would like to see the Board discuss the health issues related to gravel pits and provide some direction to the Commission on what the health risks are and potential mitigation of those risks.</p>
9:10:00 AM		<p>Brian continued with a concern: At a Board meeting two months ago, he posed a question about a consent agenda item. He felt this was a simple question that should have been allowed.</p> <p>Kate advised the consent agenda item must be pulled because one question could lead to another. The proper procedure must be adhered to.</p>
9:12:55 AM		<p>Stephanie noted if Board members have questions, she is available prior to the Board meeting or by cell phone.</p>
9:15:28 AM		<p>The meeting could be put on hold to do a consult or the item could be pulled.</p>
9:17:11 AM		<p>Buck thanked Kate Dinwiddie for her years of service and expertise as the Deputy County Attorney for the Board.</p>
9:18:24 AM		<p>The next Board meeting is December 20th and the meeting was adjourned.</p>

Secretary

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Chair

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